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None

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The relevance of each of the above-mentioned references is discussed in Applicant's specification at page 1. Each of the above-mentioned references relates in general to protective devices for ladders.

A Form PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith. It is requested that each of the references be fully considered and made of record in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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